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R. I. JOBS DECLINE MARGINALLY IN SEPTEMBER TO 406,800

"The September job total estimates dropped slightly due mostly to the effects of three labor disputes. Nonmanufacturing totals, most seriously affected by the labor disputes, remained even over the month, while manufacturing jobs declined," Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Department of Employment Security reported today.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, there were 406,800 jobs in Rhode Island at mid-September. This figure represents a loss of 400 jobs in a month and 3,100 when compared with a year ago.

NONMANUFACTURING JOBS REMAIN AT HIGH OF 271,000

The number of men and women gainfully employed in this State's nonmanufacturing industries remained at last month's high of 271,000. This total indicates a yearly gain of 100 workers.

Government employment declined by 1,400 in the month to 60,600 due in large measure to labor disputes at two of the State's educational institutions. Additionally, decreases in municipal government employment caused by the cessation of much of the Federally-funded summer employment programs more than offset gains reported in local education as schools resumed their full complements.

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NEW INITIATIVES BENEFIT BUSINESS AND WORKERS

Hire more workers, pay less taxes and save money! That's the thrust behind the U. S. Department of Labor's private sector initiatives aimed at you, the employer. They have been designed to provide industry with a highly skilled work force and to give disadvantaged workers more job opportunities. They're easy to understand and streamlined, with little or no "red tape". In most situations, there's just a single form to complete.

Key private sector efforts include a direct, uncomplicated Targeted Jobs Tax Credit and WIN/Welfare Tax Credit for employers, streamlined on-the-job training and improvement in the performance of the Job Service. Your participation can mean tax credits ranging up to $4,500 over a two-year period for hiring members of certain targeted groups. It could also result in dollar reimbursement for training expenses and an opportunity to play an essential intermediary role between government, which has certain local, state and national objectives, and a capable private sector, which has the jobs necessary to meet our nation's employment goals.

The paperwork and the steps required to claim either the Targeted Jobs Tax Credit or the WIN/Welfare Tax Credit are minimal, involving a single certification form. You retain the form and you report summarized information from it with your federal income tax return to claim your credit.

To obtain more information on these private sector initiatives, contact your local Job Service office. They are listed on the last page of this Bulletin.

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO EMPLOYERS

Employment Security and Temporary Disability Insurance reports of employment wages, and taxes for the quarter ending September 30, 1979, must be filed by October 31, 1979, with the Department of Employment Security, 24 Mason Street, Providence, R. I. Failure to make these reports and to pay required taxes by the due date will make employers liable to penalties and additional interest charges. "No payroll" reports must be submitted in those cases where no wages were paid during the quarter covered by the report.

JOB SERVICE

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Sept. 1979	August 1979	Sept. 1978
Total Placements	1,977	3,201	3,791
New Applications	5,219	5,776	5,387
New Openings Received	3,691	5,404	4,961

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Sept. 1979	August 1979	% Change from Aug
Initial Claims	8,014	9,107	− 12.0
No. of Payments	59,887	85,692	− 30.1
Amt. of Payments	$4,742,493	$6,774,343	− 30.0
Exhaustions	1,737	2,376 *	− 26.9

* Revised

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below:

	Sept. 1979	August 1979	% Change from Aug
Initial Claims	1,410	1,955	− 27.9
No. of Payments	14,428	16,770	− 14.0
Amt. of Payments	$1,303,245	$1,474,460	− 11.6

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed September 1979

	Number	Percent
Sex and Age		
TOTAL	15,071	100.0
Men	7,138	47.4
Under 45	3,893	54.5
45 and over	3,245	45.5
Women	7,933	52.6
Under 45	3,966	50.0
45 and over	3,967	50.0
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	826	5.5
Manufacturing	5,958	39.5
Public Utilities	560	3.7
Trade	2,360	15.7
Finance-Insurance-Real Estate	530	3.5
Service	3,008	20.0
All Other	1,829	12.1
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Mgr.	2,256	15.0
Clerical and Sales	2,802	18.6
Service	1,637	10.9
Forestry, Fishery, and Rel.	133	0.9
Processing	664	4.4
Machine Trades	1,445	9.6
Bench Work	2,448	16.2
Structural Work	1,194	7.9
Miscellaneous	1,681	11.2
Not Available	811	5.4

Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates (In Thousands)

	Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	458.5	458.1	442.8
Unemployment	27.4	32.8	31.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.0	7.2	7.0
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	6.0	6.6	7.0

Newport Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	30,545	30,455	27,550
Unemployment	1,395	1,605	1,620
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.6	5.3	5.9

Westerly Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	14,340	14,250	13,045
Unemployment	810	780	775
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.6	5.5	5.9

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U. S. Department of Labor. The classifications are effective through May 31, 1980. Establishments located in these cities and towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Burrillville
Charlestown
Coventry
East Greenwich
Foster
Glocester
Hopkinton
Johnston
New Shoreham
Newport
North Kingstown
North Smithfield
Pawtucket
Providence
Richmond
Scituate
West Warwick
Woonsocket

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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT EARNINGS, AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN RHODE ISLAND

INDUSTRY GROUP	EMPLOYMENT In Thousands			EMPLOYMENT Net Change From		PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
	Sept. 1979	Aug. 1979	Sept. 1978	Aug. 1979	Sept. 1978	Sept. 1979	Sept. 1978	Sept. 1979	Sept. 1978	Sept. 1979	Sept. 1978
ALL MANUFACTURING	135.8	136.2	139.0	- 400	- 3200	$204.09	$187.15	39.4	39.4	$5.18	$4.75
DURABLE GOODS	56.7	56.4	55.1	+ 300	+ 1600	233.11	214.25	40.4	40.5	5.77	5.29
PRIMARY METALS	7.0 †	7.0	7.0	0	0	261.22	246.50	44.2	44.9	5.91	5.49
FABRICATED METALS	10.1	10.1	10.0	0	+ 100	203.90	187.67	38.4	38.3	5.31	4.90
NON-ELEC. MACHINERY	10.2	10.2	9.4	0	+ 800	289.73	281.65	43.7	46.4	6.63	6.07
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.7	12.6	12.2	+ 100	+ 500	199.12	177.95	38.0	38.6	5.24	4.61
STONE-CLAY GLASS	3.4	3.4	3.2	0	+ 200	250.86	225.24	44.4	42.1	5.65	5.35
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	6.1	6.0	6.1	+ 100	0	236.33	212.06	37.1	35.7	6.37	5.94
INSTRUMENTS	5.5	5.4	5.4	+ 100	+ 100	215.42	193.59	40.8	40.5	5.28	4.78
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 100	201.00	178.20	34.3	33.0	5.86	5.40
NONDURABLE GOODS	79.1	79.8	83.9	- 700	- 4800	184.30	169.89	38.8	38.7	4.75	4.39
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	30.6	31.0	34.4	- 400	- 3800	163.24	149.20	37.7	37.3	4.33	4.00
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.5	3.4	3.8	+ 100	- 300	210.32	218.66	36.2	37.7	5.81	5.80
TEXTILE PRODUCTS	13.2	13.3	13.1	- 100	+ 100	193.05	177.64	40.9	41.7	4.72	4.26
APPAREL	3.6	3.6	4.1	0	- 500	183.02	166.76	41.5	39.8	4.41	4.19
PAPER PRODUCTS	3.2	3.2	3.2	0	0	211.50	189.42	42.3	41.0	5.00	4.62
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.3	5.3	5.3	0	0	260.16	257.65	38.6	39.7	6.74	6.49
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.2	3.2	3.4	0	- 200	279.90	272.83	40.1	40.6	6.98	6.72
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0	190.13	202.28	37.8	40.7	5.03	4.97
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	5.4	5.4	5.2	0	+ 200	202.40	186.81	39.3	40.7	5.15	4.59
LEATHER PRODUCTS	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 100	126.73	120.36	35.9	35.4	3.53	3.40
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.9	6.2	6.3	- 300	- 400	169.79	144.87	37.9	36.4	4.48	3.98

* LUMBER-FURNITURE.

† LABOR DISPUTE

1978 FIGURES REVISED. 1979 FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY. ESTIMATES ARE FOR PAY PERIOD WHICH INCLUDES THE 12TH OF THE MONTH.

COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY IN COOPERATION WITH THE U. S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN RHODE ISLAND
(Per 100 Employees)
AUGUST 1979

	ACCESSION RATE Total			ACCESSION RATE New Hire			SEPARATION RATE Total			SEPARATION RATE Quit			SEPARATION RATE Lay-Off Rate		
	Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978	Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978	Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978	Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978	Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978
MANUFACTURING	6.8	8.7	6.5	5.2	3.5	5.6	6.8	9.4	6.6	4.6	3.0	4.8	1.1	5.5	0.6
DURABLE GOODS	5.2	7.5	4.7	4.3	3.1	4.1	5.3	7.6	4.7	3.3	2.2	3.0	1.0	4.6	0.7
Primary Metals	3.7	5.9	3.3	2.7	1.7	2.7	3.1	7.8	2.4	2.2	1.2	1.6	0.2	5.9	0.1
Fabricated Metals	4.4	12.3	5.2	3.7	3.3	4.0	6.1	11.4	4.7	2.9	1.7	3.0	1.4	9.0	0.3
Non-Elec. Machinery	3.3	2.8	1.3	2.4	1.6	1.2	3.1	2.9	2.4	0.9	0.9	1.5	1.6	1.1	0.1
Electrical Machinery	5.6	9.1	6.6	5.2	4.2	6.2	7.1	8.9	6.2	5.0	3.3	4.8	1.1	4.9	0.4
Instruments-Optical	4.8	10.0	6.3	4.5	2.5	5.4	4.3	10.0	4.5	3.1	2.2	3.9	0.4	7.1	0.1
OTHER DURABLE GOODS *	8.8	4.5	5.6	6.6	3.5	5.0	8.3	4.5	6.6	5.8	2.6	3.5	1.2	1.3	2.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	8.0	9.6	7.7	5.8	3.8	6.5	7.8	10.7	7.9	5.6	3.6	6.0	1.2	6.1	0.5
Food-Beverage	15.2	8.2	10.9	7.1	3.4	5.3	10.4	7.6	6.1	6.1	5.4	3.8	3.4	1.8	1.1
Textiles	7.5	14.7	4.9	5.3	3.4	4.2	7.8	15.2	5.1	4.1	2.4	3.6	2.4	11.8	0.7
Apparel	7.2	16.8	8.4	4.9	2.8	4.1	7.3	18.7	5.4	3.9	2.4	4.7	2.7	14.9	***
Paper & Allied Products	7.6	5.5	6.3	6.7	3.4	6.0	8.6	5.9	7.8	5.9	2.9	5.7	1.0	1.7	0.5
Rubber & Plas. Prod.	6.7	5.0	6.0	5.0	3.3	4.3	6.9	4.0	6.0	5.0	1.9	4.2	0.2	1.0	0.4
Jweelry & Silverware	8.1	8.3	8.7	5.8	4.2	8.0	7.4	10.2	9.9	5.5	3.7	7.3	1.0	5.8	0.6
OTHER NONDURABL GOODS **	7.6	9.0	8.3	4.5	5.7	7.6	9.2	9.8	8.4	7.5	4.9	7.0	0.7	3.8	0.4

* RATES FOR AUGUST 1979 ARE PRELIMINARY. RATES FOR JULY 1979 AND AUGUST 1978 ARE FINAL. INCLUDES: LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS; STONE, CLAY AND GLASS PRODUCTS AND TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT.

** INCLUDES: PRINTING, PUBLISHING AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES; CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS; LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS; AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	Employment in Thousands			Net Change From			
	Sept. 1979	Aug. 1979	Sept. 1978		Aug. 1979		Sept. 1978
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	406.8	407.2	409.9	—	400	—	3100
MANUFACTURING	135.8	136.2	139.0	—	400	—	3200
NONMANUFACTURING	271.0	271.0	270.9		0	+	100
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	14.8	15.2	15.7	—	400	—	900
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.7	13.5	13.5	+	200	+	200
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	81.4	80.5	82.2	+	900	—	800
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	20.6	20.6	20.1		0	+	500
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	79.9	79.2	78.2	+	700	+	1700
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	60.6 †	62.0	61.2	—	1400	—	600

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ESTIMATES ARE FOR PAY PERIOD WHICH INCLUDES THE 12TH OF THE MONTH.
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* FARMERS, SELF-EMPLOYED, DOMESTIC AND ARMED SERVICES PERSONNEL ARE EXCLUDED.

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Contract construction employment declined by 400 jobs in September to 14,800 a figure 900 below that reported last year.

Transportation and Public Utilities employment was estimated at 13,700 up 200 in the month and showing a similar increase over the year's period.

The largest monthly gain was in the Trades sector, where 900 jobs were added, seasonally, to reach a total of 81,400 in September. In the Services segment, a total of 79,900 jobs were reported filled in mid-September, an increase of 700 over last month. Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate firms reported stable employment over the month, remaining at 20,600.

FACTORY JOBS DOWN

The number of manufacturing employees in September was estimated at 135,800, down 400 in a month and 3,200 below the corresponding period in 1978. In the monthly analysis, four segments showed gains of 100, three showed losses ranging from 100 to 400, and twelve remained at the mid-August estimates.

In the Durable Goods grouping there was a monthly advance of 300. Electrical machinery, Transportation equipment, and Instruments all showed gains of 100 jobs over the month. All others in this grouping remained even with last month's estimates.

In the Nondurable Goods grouping, only Food-Beverages showed a gain (+100) over last month. Seven segments remained at the mid-August totals. Textile jobs declined by 100 while Jewelry-Silverware and Miscellaneous manufacturing lost 400 and 300 jobs, respectively.

HOURS AND WAGES

The average manufacturing workweek increased 1.1 hours in September to 39.4 hours. Average hourly earnings for factory production workers in Rhode Island rose 7 cents an hour in September to $5.18, producing a gross weekly earnings figure of $204.09 in September.

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Sept. 1979	Aug. 1979	Sept. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	456.7	460.5	438.6
Unemployment	23 0	27.1	25.6
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.0	5.9	5.8
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	5.6	6.0	6.5

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